

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 5-54.1

**IN RE: CREATION OF POLK COUNTY FAMILY
SECTION 16 AND REASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

WHEREAS, the Family Division of the Circuit Court in Polk County is presently divided into five sections; and

WHEREAS, the number of family law cases has increased making it necessary to create a new family law section and reassign certain family law cases from the existing divisions to the new division;

WHEREAS, due to significant growth in the Northeast area of Polk County, Florida, and in order to promote judicial economy, maximize judicial resources, and provide for the prompt and efficient administration of justice in this circuit, the new family law section will be assigned to the Northeast Government Center; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with article V, section 2, Florida Constitution; section 43.26, Florida Statutes; and Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.215;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ORDERED that:

1. CREATION: Section 16 of the Polk County Circuit Court, is created effective May 15, 2026, subject to the reassignment of cases as set forth in this Order. Cases will be assigned to Section 16 based on zip codes. The specific zip codes will be included in a later administrative order.
2. REASSIGNMENT OF CASES: On May 15, 2026, the Polk County Clerk of the Court (hereinafter "Clerk") shall reassign open and reopened cases from the existing five Polk County family law sections to Section 16. Reassignment shall be based on date and petitioner zip code criteria provided to the Clerk by the Family Law Administrative Judge. The number of cases reassigned from each of the existing five sections shall be as equal as possible to give Section 16 50 to 75 fewer cases than the existing five sections. A list of the open and reopened cases to be reassigned is attached hereto as Attachment A.

3. TRIALS AND HEARINGS SCHEDULED BETWEEN MAY 15, 2026, AND JUNE 30, 2026: Between May 15, 2026, and June 30, 2026, the judge previously assigned to the cases listed in Attachment A will continue to hold and preside over presently scheduled hearings and trials, schedule and hear all matters which can be heard on the section's calendar prior to July 1, 2026, and otherwise take judicial action on those cases listed in Attachment A. The Judicial Assistant for the newly assigned judge will schedule hearings to be heard on or after July 1, 2026, on the Section 16 calendar.
4. **LOCATION OF TRIALS AND HEARINGS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026:** Section 16 trials and hearings that are scheduled to be held on or after July 1, 2026, will be held at the Northeast Government Center located at 200 Government Center Blvd., Lake Alfred, FL 33850.
5. **PETITIONER'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (INCLUDING THE ZIP CODE):** Beginning on May 15, 2026, all family law petitions must include the Petitioner's residential address (including the zip code). If the Petitioner's residential address is confidential or exempt, a "Notice of Confidential Information within Court Filing" must be filed in compliance with Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.420(d)(2).
6. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Administrative Order vacates and supersedes Administrative Order No. 5-54.0, entered on May 15, 2026, and is effective May 15, 2026.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 3rd day of June, 2026, *nunc pro tunc* to May 15, 2026.

s/JAMES A. YANCEY, Chief Judge

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Polk County Clerk of Courts
Trial Court Administrator
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**ATTACHMENT A
(AO 5-54.1)**

LIST OF CASES TO BE REASSIGNED TO SECTION 16

Cases	Previously Assigned Section	Cases	Previously Assigned Section
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